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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed on December 17, 2001. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Pending Claims for the previously pending claim set. The substitute claim set is intended to reflect amendment of previously pending claims 2-6, 10-15, 29, 30, 32, 34, 37, and 50-52, and addition of new claims ~~53~~ and ~~54~~ 53 and 54. The specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

2. (Amended) A method for forming a capacitor, comprising [the following steps]:  
forming on a substrate assembly an electrically isolated conductive layer of a first material;

forming a conformal metal layer [capacitor plate on a substrate assembly] of a second material atop the conductive layer; and

forming a dielectric [from] by oxidizing at least a portion of the [capacitor plate] conformal metal layer.

3. (Amended) The method as specified in Claim 2, further comprising [the step of forming a further capacitor plate] forming a second conductive layer overlying the dielectric.